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Dear FCC:

I have five children and I use my tracfone for emergencies only. I cannot afford to get a regular cell phone and thus this limits me when I use my tracfone. By increasing the rates at which it will cost me to buy prepaid airtime, I may be unable to afford to keep my tracfone current and should I have an emergency with my five children, it could possibly mean the difference between life and death if I were unable to afford to refill my minutes and my phone became unuseable. Please do not jeopardize my children's well-being by raising the rates. I have a hard enough time as it is to keep minutes on the phone on a regular basis, and I depend on my phone to contact people when there is a problem. For example, I had been to Wal-Mart to pick up a few items and had accidentally locked my keys in my vehicle. I used my tracfone to contact my children's school to let them know about the problem. This way, they would not worry that I had been in an accident or had abandoned my k!

ids. It was helpful in finding a way to get me and my children I had with me a ride to pick my other children up from school and get home until my husband could take me with the spare key to unlock the van and get it home. I hope you understand how important it is for me to keep my expenses down, and yet still be able to take the best care of my kids possible. Thank you.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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